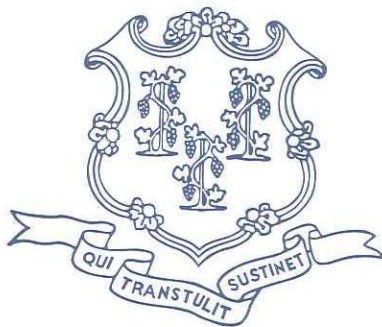


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, in December of 1984, one of the worst industrialized chemical accidents happened in the heart of Bhopal, India, killing an estimated 4,000 people, and wounding tens of thousands more surrounding the pesticide plant owned by Union Carbide; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 1986, the President of the United States signed into law the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), which contained in Title III, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA); and

WHEREAS, the EPCRA requires industries within the United States to make available to the surrounding public and emergency responders, information on hazardous chemicals that are used in either their manufacturing or storage; and

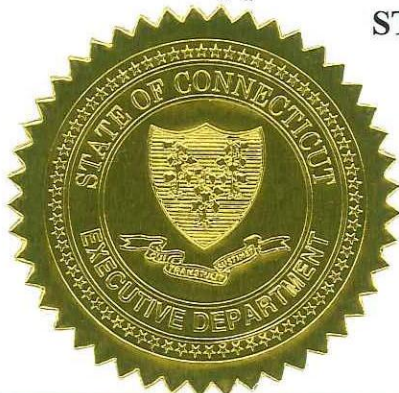
WHEREAS, the Connecticut State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) was appointed by the Governor in 1986 to implement the provisions of the EPCRA, designate local planning districts and to establish Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) for each district; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years the SERC, with the support of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, has provided information to the public which has been vital to the safety of Connecticut's citizens and environment; and

WHEREAS, on December 7th the SERC will host the 2006 Annual Conference at the Legislative Office Building, with presentations and discussions ranging from local and regional safety precautions to national security preparedness; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the State Emergency Response Commission and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act, do hereby officially proclaim December 7, 2006, as

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE DAY
in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor